



## CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

October 1, 2001

### **H.R. 1989** **Fisheries Conservation Act of 2001**

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on September 12, 2001*

#### **SUMMARY**

H.R. 1989 would reauthorize through fiscal year 2006 appropriations for programs carried out by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) under seven fisheries statutes. These laws authorize or govern various grant programs, studies, reports and operations of the National Marine Fisheries Service of NOAA. Assuming appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing the bill would cost \$166 million in 2002 and nearly \$1.2 billion over the 2002-2006 period. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. This bill would reauthorize funding for programs that include grants to states and to multistate organizations.

#### **ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 1989 is shown in the following table. For this estimate, CBO assumes that the amounts authorized by the legislation will be appropriated for each fiscal year and that outlays will follow historical spending patterns for the authorized programs. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 300 (natural resources and environment).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars					
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION</b>						
Spending Under Current Law						
Budget Authority <sup>a</sup>	235	0	0	0	0	0
Estimated Outlays	223	65	19	5	0	0
Proposed Changes						
Authorization Level	0	250	259	259	278	278
Estimated Outlays	0	166	230	254	272	276
Spending Under H.R. 1989						
Authorization Level <sup>a</sup>	235	250	259	259	278	278
Estimated Outlays	223	231	249	259	272	276

a. The 2001 level is approximately the amount appropriated for that year for the fishery activities reauthorized by H.R. 1989.

**PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS:** None.

## **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT**

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